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1. On 8 March 1951, the barracks installation on Dresdenerstrasse, Oschatz (N 52/E 71), still seemed to be occupied beyond capacity by about 1,200 troops with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia. Many officers were seen entering and leaving the officers' billets in one of the barracks building. All quarters were lighted at nightfall. Motor vehicle [redacted] occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia;

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2. Only recruits and an unusually large number of NCOs were observed in the barracks installation on Dresdenerstrasse on 18 and 19 March. All troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, and the officers wore tank insignia on their collar patches. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area included trucks [redacted] occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; trucks [redacted] occupied by NCOs with red-bordered black epaulets; and passenger car [redacted] occupied by an officer with red-bordered black epaulets.
3. The Flughafen Kaserne seemed to quarter tank troops, because several officers with tank insignia were seen there. [redacted] No details on the daily routine could be obtained. Trucks [redacted] occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and motor vehicle [redacted] were observed.

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4. Between 15 and 17 March, the Flughafen Kaserne still quartered the tank and engineer units and the repair shop company which were previously observed. Four T-34 tanks and 3 modern trucks towing light AT guns moved toward the Colm target range, where troops were engaged in machine gun firing practice from tanks. A special truck carrying a pontoon left the section of the installation which quartered the engineer unit. Motor vehicles in the billeting area

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All soldiers observed in the vehicles wore red-bordered black epaulets. *

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- * Comment. The information confirms the troops in Oschatz as being elements of the 9th Tank Div.

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